

THE BADLANDS GANG. An Organization of Horse Thieves and Hard Characters Which Infested Montana and Dakota.

How Summary Justice was Meted Out to Scores of Offenders by a BAND OF REHARDED REGULATORS.

THE United States has never contained a more persistent gang of horse thieves than that of the Bad Lands of Dakota between 1882 and 1884. It can hardly be said that the gang had headquarters, as its members were constantly on the move, but the town where they appeared the oftentimes, perhaps, the collection of shanties known as Little Missouri. This little hamlet has achieved a national reputation and was for years known as the toughest town in America. It is in the heart of the famous Bad Lands, the dismembering part for tourists who wish to visit Cedar Canon and the burning coal mine, and is the scene of the encounter in which Marquis de Morès killed Luffey, the hunter.

THE nearest officer of the law with jurisdiction in Mandan, 100 miles to the eastward. To the southwest, one could go 200 miles and see the horse men in their habitations. To the south, 200 miles away, were the Black Hills. In all the intervening country there was but an occasional cow-punch. To the north, the Canadian line was the Canadian line. Once across it, there was no difficulty in disposing of the horse flesh at fancy prices. These points were at once grasped by the "red-handed" and "dead end" that a man from the south with a string of horses had either run them off from Wyoming or the Black Hills country. Here the horse thieves were in pursuit when they reached the Bad Lands.

I have still a very vivid impression of how my tenderest days were ushered in by an introduction to one of this gang. I had gone to Little Missouri from Bismarck with Frank Moore, the proprietor of the leading Bad Lands hotel. It was a cold night late in the fall, and a score of rough-looking fellows had gathered in the bar-room. It had been my frequent expression of desire to meet a genuine cowboy and I had apparently satisfied it when he introduced me to Jack Wall. It turned out afterward that this was not the man's name, but that he had been known by that name before he had been introduced to me. He was a man of a fine physique, and he had a certain air of a professional sportsman. He was a man of a fine physique, and he had a certain air of a professional sportsman. He was a man of a fine physique, and he had a certain air of a professional sportsman.

THE 8-MILL TAX N. G. So Say the Local Business Men Who Pass Upon Its Demerits.

JUDGE MELLON'S FORMAL PROTEST Meets With the Approval of Hon. H. M. Long, W. W. Patrick and Others.

There was another meeting at the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce yesterday afternoon of representatives of several corporations and companies of the city, to take action opposing the passing of the bill now before the Legislature, placing a tax of 8 mills on the gross receipts of certain corporations and business enterprises.

THE Young Woman's Christian Association, East End, held its annual meeting for the election of officers in the Y. M. C. A. rooms, Tuesday evening, March 8th.

THE formation of the band of men known as the "Montana Stranglers" was as much an outgrowth of necessity as it is the passage and enforcement of proper laws in this settled community. It is not a hard task to justify the acts of the "Stranglers" to a man who has lived on the frontier for any length of time. Aside from the fact that they were the occasional maltreatment of a stranger, there was but little real law breaking in Little Missouri, but it was recognized by all that a man had only "six-shooter" rights to life and property. Numerous warrants had been issued at Mandan, 100 miles away, for the arrest of men in Little Missouri, but not one of them was ever served to the officer of the law which came up to the tough hamlet in the Bad Lands and hobnobbed with the man for whom the warrants were issued, but the legal documents were always returned with the endorsement, "Not found." The thieves had a perfect organization and would have taken summary vengeance on anyone rash enough to oppose them.

SISTER SUE'S BUDGET. Resume of the Charitable and Religious Items of the Week.

THE managers of the Fruit and Flower Mission will meet next Monday night. There is a great need for contributions in the line of flowers, fruits, jellies and everything that contributes to the tender care of the sick.

THE meeting of the ladies managers of the Sick Diet Kitchen, Allegheny, was held Monday afternoon, March 4, at Allegheny avenue 2400. The receipts for the week were \$150.00.

THE meeting of the ladies managers of the Helping Hand Society, Allegheny, was held Tuesday evening, March 6, at the residence of Mrs. Park Painter.

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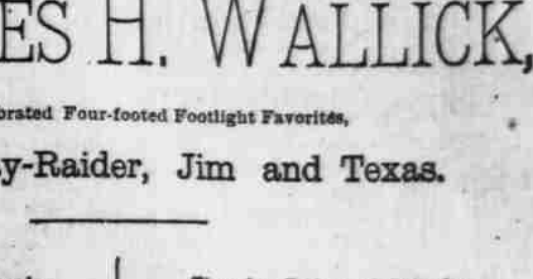
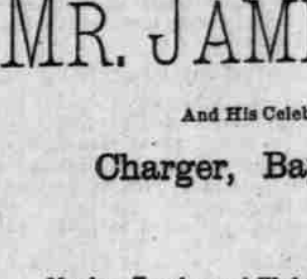
HARRIS' THEATER. Week Commencing Monday, March 11.

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